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1. **Continuation of Box 3:**

2. The after-final (AF) amendment submitted on 03/05/10 is not entered into consideration for the following reasons:

(A) With respect to claim 20, while there is a support to recite "urethane/acrylic block copolymer", wherein the urethane and the acrylic are covalently bonded, there is no support to recite that the urethane polymer and the acrylic polymer "are formed as block copolymers covalently bonded together". Because, this recitation can be interpreted as if each polymer is a block copolymer which are covalently bonded together. Additionally, regarding claim 21, applicant's response fails to point to, and the Examiner is unable to find, the support for claim 21 in the specification. Therefore, claims 20 and 21 raise new matter issues which would require further consideration under 112-first paragraph, for lack of written description.

(B) Applicant has added new claims 20 and 21 without cancelling corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

3. **Continuation of Box 11:**

4. The Examiner notes that while he appreciates applicant's efforts to point out the support for the claim 1 recitation of "wherein the urethane polymer and an acrylic polymer rare bonded together", the Examiner submits that the aforementioned claim language continues to raise an issue of new matter. While there may be a support for a

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specific urethane polymer and **specific** acrylic polymer that can be bonded together and for specific type of polymer, namely urethane/acrylic block copolymer, which possesses **specific type of bonding**, i.e. covalent bonding, there does not appear to be a support in the specification to broadly claim that **any** urethane polymer and **any** acrylic polymer are bonded together. It may be helpful to incorporate language such as that of recited on page 6 of applicant's response (see "For example, the urethane polymer and the acrylic polymer of this invention can be bonded together by performing a reaction of carboxylic groups...with end isocyanate groups of urethane polymer") in the presently claimed invention. However, the Examiner respectfully reminds applicant that any such amendment must have a support in the specification in order to avoid new matter issues.

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